

Subject: Chat with Clark Robinson

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me: <http://www.observer.com/2011/09/anonymous-is-getting-a-book-proposal-being-shopped-around-to-publishers-this-week-not-anonymously/>

Clark: Just read the link. You're my favorite living writer, so I look forward to reading it. How do you divide up the project between you and Housh--I can't imagine he is in your league stylistically

me: I'll be writing it, he'll be the focus, as many publishers prefer to have a central figure with whom readers can emphasize

me: all the research I've been doing into the intelligence contracting industry will go in, including certain things I've yet to reveal, and thus will get a great deal of attention when the book comes out

me: so, this will be a considerable defeat for many of those firms, which understandably avoid scrutiny and which have managed to avoid it despite the two months of reportage after HBGary

me: some of the capabilities they're producing are, in my view, among the most dangerous dynamics facing the information flow right now, and will only get more sophisticated, so bringing attention to them to this extent is the greatest victory I can hope to achieve right now

me: also, though Housh is no real intellectual, he is very competent as well as increasingly connected to centers of traditional and non-traditional power, so our increasing alliance provides me with a similarly increased sphere of action, which I'm going to need

me: and the money will allow me to do additional things as well

Clark: I will look forward to hearing about your progress with the drafting of it, and if it lags, I may come to Texas and seize custody of your tobacco and only give you access when you have completed the next 500 words.

Clark: i am not aware that anybody is writing a narrative type of book about Anonymous, I would not expect Biella Coleman's stuff, for instance, to have wide public appeal, due to lack of color and academic-ness

me: Parmy Olson of Forbes has a proposal that's been shopped around for last four months

me: which won't be published, especially now that it's known we're doing one

me: although it wasn't going to be negative anyway

Clark: I read her sometimes on Forbes, I like her, but you have the inside perspective, and more importantly, the voice